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At Franklin, water balloon drop whets science appetites



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DROP AND RECOVER: Student projects were dropped from a second floor window this week as part of a science and engineering project.

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

MONTANA AVE. Lauren Riggs stood outside Franklin Elementary School and looked up at a second-story window, eagerly awaiting her big moment.

With a crowd gathered around the front steps, her handmade apparatus was tossed out the window and hit the ground with a light thud.

The fourth-grade student recovered her creation and confirmed good news: The water balloon tucked inside hadn't popped.

Riggs offered one of many success stories during the science club's annual water balloon drop Wednesday afternoon at the Montana Avenue school, where scores of students temporarily morphed into small-scale aerospace professionals as they tested carefully designed projects.

The drop has become something of a tradition at Franklin, a fun extracurricular event that encourages students to develop their engineering and critical-thinking skills.



The school's science club holds events about twice each month, and co-chair Johanna Tobel said students who participate in five events and complete a science project are rewarded.

At this year's balloon drop, cardboard boxes, bags, cups and items of clothing — even a Halloween candy holder — were among the objects thrown from the window to the ground, which quickly turned wet with the water of broken balloons.

Riggs didn't know about the balloon drop in her previous years at the school, and she wasn't

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Making a case for female engineers

Samohi student's Girl Scout project confronts gender gap

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHI It's a well-paying career that involves solving complex problems and perhaps helping the world. So why aren't more women doing it?

Armed with a Congressional committee's statistic that just 14 percent of engineers in the workforce are female, Natalie Gold is determined to answer that question — and maybe even boost that figure in the process.

Gold, a 10th-grade student at Santa Monica High School, is aiming to educate young girls about engineering for her Girl Scout Gold Award project.

She researched a wide variety of employment avenues in engineering, interviewed women in the field and created a website — EngineeringEinSTEAM.weebly.com — to organize her findings on her path towards receiving the highest honor in the Girl Scouts organization.

"I wanted to get more girls into engineering," she said. "Women can make a difference. It's too much of a man's world, and

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Rare spring storm sweeps into Southern California, Arizona

ELLIOT SPAGAT & CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO A second round of rain from a rare spring storm swept into drought-stricken Southern California on Friday, along with heavy winds and snow in the mountains before heading inland, where other states were also feeling weird late-season weather.

In San Diego, rain poured steadily a day after the regional water authority decided residents can water lawns no more than twice a week - a measure aimed at achieving sweeping state-mandated cuts to water consumption during drought.

Mariana Dominguez, 41, said she wasn't bothered that her morning commute to a dry cleaning business in San Diego's Ocean Beach neighborhood doubled to 40 minutes.

"It's nice because we need the rain with the drought and everything. It cleans up the air. In San Diego, you don't see this very often," she said.

A small but determined number of surfers, swimmers and strollers went in the water at San Diego's Ocean Beach, including Erin Lale, 46, who was on vacation from Las Vegas.

"The ocean is the ocean," she said after submerging her feet under water. "It's big, cold and full of sand and wildlife. That's going to be true if it's rainy or sunny."

Drivers were urged to use caution on roads in the San Bernardino and San Gabriel mountains, where

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, May 16

7th Annual Walk TO Africa

Register and form a team to raise pledge money for Walk To Africa. Scenic 4 & 8 Mile walk in Santa Monica starting on the beach. Water station every two miles. 2 Mile children's walk with family fun zone afterwards, clowns and bands. T-shirt and awesome goody bag with registration. Register at walktoafrica.com 9 a.m.

Straight from Cuba

The Lois Lambert Gallery will present an exhibition of three incredible contemporary Cuban artists: Alan Manuel Gonzalez, Darwin Estacio Martinez, and Luis Rodriquez NOA. The opening reception is from 6 - 9 p.m. and will run through July 11, at the Lois Lambert Gallery located in Bergamot Station at 2525 Michigan Ave.

Tennis day

Come to Christine Emerson Reed Park to try tennis for free with the Santa Monica Tennis Club. Designed to be a comprehensive look at all that makes the game great, Try Tennis for Free will offer: demos, tennis fashion, speed serve station, clinics, raffles and free gifts. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Doubles matches will be played until 2 p.m. 1133 7th St

Classic film Series: Harold and Maude

The quirky 1971 film about the relationship between a young man and a much older and wiser woman, focuses on living life to the fullest. Directed by Hal Ashby and starring Ruth Gordon, Bud Cort, and Vivian Pickles, the dark, provocative comedy explores ageism and social nonconformity. 6 p.m. Free screenings held in Room 165 of the SMC Humanities & Social Science building, 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica. Seating is on a first-arrival basis.

Silent Dance Party

Returning to the Pier 3rd Saturdays May-Sept. Top DJ's transmit music to wireless headphones. For more information call (213) 465-3123 or visit www.hlpresents.com. 7 p.m., Santa Monica Pier.

Working With Home Remodeling Contractors

Penny Spark of Slate Ltd. explains how to find trustworthy contractors and navigate through the home remodeling process, from the preliminary stages through inspections, warranties, final payments and unconditional releases. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 2 - 4 p.m.

Pop Up Cards and Books with Angharad Caceres

Make a set of colorful, active greeting cards while practicing a variety of pop-up paper engineering techniques. 1450 Ocean, $20 + $5 cash material fee to instructor, 1 - 4 p.m.
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What's the Story? Writing with Stacie Chaiken

Everyone has a story they want to tell. Whether you're creating a memoir, screenplay, stage play, one-person show, or even if you have no idea what you want to write, this is a great place to figure out what you want to say and how. Bring a page of your writing about something - anything - that means a lot to you. 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 1450 Ocean, Call (310) 458-2239 for more information or register online at: https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/43075

Hanging Paper Sculptures with Richard Hutman

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by imposing specific rules and repetitions. See examples of completed works and learn how they are put together. Or explore a brand new size, shape, and interlock style of your own. Best of all: build and decorate your own hanging paper sculpture to display at home or gift to a friend. 1450 Ocean, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., $5, Call (310) 458-2239 for more information or register online at: https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/44602

Council Meeting

Special Meeting of the Santa Monica City Council, 9 a.m., City Hall, 1685 Main St., www.smgov.net/departments/council.

Bridget Howard's Secret Self
Howard's Secret Self taps into the fear of being judged and blows it up for all to witness: taking her hidden artistic treasures and showcasing for others to explore. Opening, not just herself up, but also the viewer up to the possibilities of sharing yourself with the world. Secret Self serves as a visual timeline, peaking into the mind of a growing artist. Reception is on May 16, from 6 - 8 p.m. Wine Expo 2933, Santa Monica Blvd.

Movie Screening: Silver Linings Playbook

Join the Santa Monica Disabilities Commission in celebrating Mental Health Awareness Month by attending the screening of "Silver Linings Playbook," an Academy Award winning film about a man with a bipolar condition struggling to readjust to life after a stint in a mental institution. There will be a panel discussion with mental health advocates familiar with dual diagnosis. Dual diagnosis is when a mental illness and a substance use disorder occur simultaneously. Refreshments will be served. For bus and accessibility information, contact Adriana Torres at (310) 458-8701. Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Multipurpose Room 1-4 p.m.

Heal The Bay: Nothin' But Sand Cleanup

Nothin' But Sand is a fantastic opportunity to show your local beach some love every third Saturday of the month. It's easy, fun and kicks off your weekend with some excellent karma. Singles, couples, groups and businesses are welcome, and you're encouraged to bring your friends-or make some new ones. See you at the beach! 10am - 11:30. Will Rogers State Beach, 15800 Pacific Coast Highway, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272. Free. Sign up in advance. http://www.healthebay.org/

Morgan-Wixson Theatre: Disney's Aladdin Jr.

Aladdin, Jasmine, Iago, Jafar, the Genie, and more are here in Disney's Aladdin Jr., a musical adventure filled with magic, mayhem, and flying carpet rides! In Agrabah, City of Enchantment, every beggar has a story and every camel has a tail! Aladdin, a kind but wily street urchin, falls in love with beautiful Princess Jasmine. 11am - 1pm. Morgan-Wixson Theatre, 2627 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90405. $8-10. http://morgan-wixson.org/

Wags and Walks: Super Saturday Fundraiser

Wags & Walks will be bringing some amazing adoptable pups to the Pussy & Pooch booth at Ovarian Cancer Research Fund's Super Saturday Fundraiser. 11 a.m. - 5p.m. The Barker Hangar, Santa Monica Municipal Airport, 3021 Airport Avenue, Santa Monica, CA 90405. $50-250. http://www.wagsandwalks.org/

Santa Monica Theatre Guild: The Still Alarm / Black Comedy

The Still Alarm: The hotel bedroom is on fire. In the face of crackling flames, deadly heat, and imminent catastrophe, the guests, the bellboy, and the firemen remain resolutely British. Black Comedy: When light illuminates the stage for the audience, the characters can't see - they plunge into a world of darkness. When the lights go out, the laughter begins! 8pm - 11pm. Morgan-Wixson Theatre, 2627 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90405. $8-10. http://morgan-wixson.org/

Santa Monica Pier: Wake Up With The Waves

Calling all kids, ages 1-8, your Saturday mornings are about to get musical! Join organizers for Wake Up With the Waves, the interactive concert series for children. It's fresh-air fun with a rotating cast of musicians and entertainers who get kids engaged with singing, dancing, playing and more! It's a perfect way to start the day. Then stick around for family fun at the Pier with amusements, rides, restaurants and more. 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Santa Monica Pier, 200 Santa Monica Pier, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Free. http://santamonicapier.org/

Stray Cat Alliance: Adoption Days

Stray Cat Alliance educates and empowers the community to advocate for every cat's right to be safe, healthy and valued. They are building a no kill nation, one stray at a time. 12 - 3:30 p.m. Centinela Feed and Pet Supplies, 11055 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90064. Free. http://www.straycatalliance.org/

Sunday, May 17

Adat Shalom Jerusalem Day Gala

Dinner, games, strolling magician, silent auction, photos of Jerusalem, photo opportunities. A night of fun to benefit the educational activities of Adat Shalom
Donation: $150. Includes chips for games, food and entertainment. 3030 Westwood Blvd.
Los Angeles, 6:30 p.m. (310) 475-4985; www.adatshalomla.org

Classic Film Series: Friendly Fire

The 1979 award-winning made-for-TV movie written by Fay Kanin, takes a look at government corruption and war. Directed by David Greene and starring Carol Burnett, Ned Beatty, and Sam Waterston, the film tells the story of a couple and the lies they encounter when they try to find out how their son died in Vietnam. 5:30 p.m. Free screenings held in Room 165 of the SMC Humanities & Social Science building, 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica. Seating is on a first-arrival basis.

The Architecture of Space

Donna Sternberg & Dancers with the Venice Symphony Orchestra will lead audiences throughout Tongva Park exploring the aesthetic and psychological affects of the Tongva architecture. For more information call (310) 260-1198 or visit www.dsdancers.com
3 - 4 p.m.

Run for Nepal

Register at 10 a.m. Run at 11 a.m. For more information call (310) 970-2895 or visit thistimefoundation.org. Beach Park 1

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Youth beach soccer. For more information call (949) 294-2989 or visit www.copacabanabeachsoccer.com. 8 a.m., 1550 PCH Beach Lot

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Monday, May 18

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2 ex-Los Angeles sheriff's brass face jail corruption charge

BRIAN MELLEY
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES When Los Angeles sheriff's deputies discovered an inmate with a smuggled phone was working with the FBI to expose inmate abuse by guards, word quickly went to the upper ranks of the embattled agency.

The department's second-in-command and a high-ranking official responsible for investigating misconduct went to work, federal prosecutors said Thursday.

But rather than look into misconduct in the troubled jails, former Undersheriff Paul Tanaka and former Capt. William Thomas Carey conspired to derail the investigation into a culture of deputy abuse and corruption, according to a federal indictment.

"The scheme to obstruct justice rose to the executive level of the Sheriff's Department," Acting U.S. Attorney Stephanie Yonekura said. "Leaders who foster and then try to hide a corrupt culture will be held accountable just like their subordinates."

The men, both 56, pleaded not guilty Thursday in U.S. District Court to charges of conspiracy and obstruction of justice.

The two are the highest-ranking officials charged in the investigation of jailhouse corruption and abuse that tarnished the career of Sheriff Lee Baca, who resigned last year.

Federal prosecutors wouldn't comment on whether Baca played a role in the cover-up or whether he would face charges.

The indictment stems from an investigation of civil rights abuses that blossomed into an obstruction-of-justice case when deputies and higher-ups discovered in the summer of 2011 that an inmate with a smuggled cellphone was providing information to the FBI about beatings by deputies. The inmate got the phone from a deputy who was bribed.

Tanaka and Carey were involved from the get-go, taking extraordinary steps to thwart the investigation, Yonekura said.

The FBI wanted the informant to testify to a grand jury, but agents couldn't find him.

Seven deputies were convicted of participating in the cover-up that involved shuttling the informant, bank robber Anthony Brown, between different jails under different names. Two sergeants tried to intimidate the lead FBI agent by threatening her with arrest.

The defense argued the employees were following orders from higher-ups.

Tanaka testified for the defense that he was barely involved but following Baca's orders that he thought were lawful. He said Brown was moved for his protection because he was a snitch and so the department could investigate how he got the smuggled phone.

Tanaka's testimony will probably be used against him, Yonekura said.

Tanaka will be exonerated after all the facts are revealed, defense lawyer H. Dean Steward said.

Carey was charged with two counts of perjury for lying at the trial about why Brown was moved, the indictment said. Carey's lawyer declined comment.

If convicted, both men face up to 15 years in prison for the obstruction charges and Carey could face 10 more for perjury.

Twenty-three members of the department have now been charged with crimes ranging from civil rights violations to gun charges and obstruction of justice. Three deputies, all brothers, were acquitted of a mortgage fraud scheme.

The indictment alleged Tanaka fostered a culture of abuse by minimizing misconduct investigations and encouraging supervisors to let deputies operate in a "gray area" between justifiable conduct and abuse.

"When it comes to the law, there's black and there's white," said David Bowdich, assistant director of the FBI's Los Angeles office. "There's no area for gray where he was looking for it."

Despite being aware of concerns from outside the department about a lack of investigations into abuse, Tanaka advocated chopping the Internal Affairs Bureau from 45 investigators to one, authorities said.

Tanaka retired from the sheriff's department in 2013 and serves as mayor of the nearby city of Gardena. He lost the race to replace Baca by a wide margin to Jim McDonnell, who has vowed to reform the troubled agency.

Shortly after McDonnell took office last year, the department agreed to federal court oversight and new use-of-force policies to settle a class-action lawsuit brought by inmates who said they were beaten by guards.

Nine deputies still face charges of violating civil rights of inmates and jail visitors, including an Austrian consulate official who was handcuffed and detained with her husband.

Yonekura said she'll never know what more they might have uncovered if the investigation wasn't impeded.

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Santa Monica's housing quandary

Editor:

One thing that I can't stress enough with people who play the "We'll never build enough to get prices to drop" card is mitigation. Just because something is hard, inconvenient or a challenge, doesn't mean we don't have an obligation to mitigate the consequences. If there is a leak in your house, and you know it's there, and you do nothing about it while waiting for it to get so bad you can file an insurance claim, guess what the insurance company will tell you? Pound sand, more or less. No claim check for you. You as an individual have a responsibility to mitigate the damage to the extent you can. We as a community have a responsibility to mitigate the impact of immigration on the area. People will not stop moving into the area. The difference here is, instead of a denied claim, it'll be an Ellis Eviction notice.

It doesn't matter that we can't build enough to drop prices. It does matter that we have a responsibility to limit the damage we can, to help stabilize them to the extent we can. If you don't think your building can be flipped and Ellis'ed, just search Realtor.com. You'll see many buildings already for sale and at prices that make condo conversion very attractive or just taking a loss for five years and then re-occupying the building.

There is a desperate problem of immobility in this town. People are literally trapped in their apartments because they can't afford to move. Look at the last two Palihouse hold-outs. One has been there 39 years. Generally you get sentenced to a 39-year stint in the same place, not forced because of a combination of factors outside your control.

The city has failed spectacularly to keep up with demand because so many of its citizens have self-defeating and selfish motivations. Santa Monica can't keep shifting the need for more housing to the future or other areas on the Westside. Los Angeles, Culver City and the Marina are building more. They are attempting to mitigate the issue. We can either help to mitigate the damage or accept the fact Santa Monica will become Newport-lite.

Daniel Shenise
Santa Monica

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7:30 - 8:30 p.m., (310) 458-2239 https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/42983

Arts Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Arts Commission. http://www.smgov.net/portals/culture/agendas.aspx. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 Fourth Street, 6:30 p.m.

Architectural Review Board

The ARB generally meets on the first and third Mondays of each month unless there is a holiday. Meetings are held in the City Council Chambers at City Hall unless otherwise noted, www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7 p.m.

Classical Ballet for Beginners

Students will learn across the floor, barre, and center floor technique. All levels are welcome. 1450 Ocean, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., (310) 458-2239 https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/42980

'Racy Reads' Teen Book Group at Main

Read it. Discuss it. Get next book. Repeat. Grades 8-12, For May, bring a favorite book or something you read recently that you enjoyed and can recommend to the group. Pizza provided. 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.,

Tim Davies Big Band at Typhoon

Tim Davies Big Band will be performing at Typhoon. Cover plus minimum $15/person at tables and $10/person at the bar Dinner reservations are highly recommended. 3221 Donald Douglas Loop S, 8 p.m., (310) 390-6565.

The New Moon of Gemini

The Kabbalah Centre celebrates a special event on each New Moon with those wishing to connect with consciousness, share with a diverse community, and receive an astrological forecast of what to expect in the coming month. Friends bringing friends and new people come in for free. Others $25. RSVP 424-332-5350 or sm.bookstore@kabbalah.com. The Kabbalah Centre of Santa Monica, 7 p.m., 1221 2nd Street #100. www.eventbrite.com/e/new-moon-of-gemini-tickets-16887947305.

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RAIN

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between 3 to 6 inches of snow was possible above 6,000 feet. Temperatures hovered around freezing at higher elevations.

In northern Arizona, a rare springtime snowstorm hit a small town just west of Flagstaff, dumping more than seven inches of snow. The area has seen more than three inches of snow on May 15 or later only a handful of times.

"It's always good to see rain and snow this late in the season," said Brian Klimowski of the National Weather Service. "Every storm we get like this helps push back the onset of our fire season."

Firefighters rescued six motorists and a dog who became trapped in 3 feet of water on a San Diego street, and they pulled a man from the rushing water of a flood control channel in Northridge, about 25 miles north of Los Angeles, authorities said.

"One minute it's a little bit of water and all of a sudden it got deeper and deeper really fast," Capt. Joe Amador of the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department said about the flooded street.

The rain was doing little to ease water woes in the historically parched state.

"Any kind of rain, like we had last night, is certainly welcome. Anything wet is welcome," said climatologist Bill Patzert of NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab. "But it's not getting us out of the drought."

Flooding and debris flows are possible if thunderstorms form over foothill areas stripped bare by wildfires.

The downpour caused rare rain delays at the San Diego Padres' game against the Washington Nationals at Petco Park and the Los Angeles Dodgers' game against the Colorado Rockies at Dodgers Stadium. Meanwhile, snow in the forecast for Friday forced organizers to relocate the Amgen Tour of California bicycle race from Big Bear Lake in the San Bernardino Mountains to Santa Clarita.

It also soaked the Hollywood Walk of Fame, where flowers were being laid on the star of blues legend B.B. King a day after his death.

An outdoor commencement ceremony at University of Southern California went on despite the wet weather, with attendees told to leave their umbrellas behind. Many people, including graduates, wore crimson and gold Trojan ponchos.

The drenching was a bit of a surprise to forecasters.

"We don't see these kinds of storms this late in May," Stuart Seto with the National Weather Service in Oxnard said, "and not this cold."

To the north, the storm brought thunder and lightning to the San Francisco Bay area with some bolts reaching the ground. Brief spurts of rain and hail were reported but generally only in trace amounts. Some street flooding occurred in Fresno.

Weber reported from Los Angeles.

Best hope for California drought:

El Nino pattern next year

CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES This week's wet storm isn't expected to provide much, if any, relief from California's historic drought. But there is hope for a serious drenching next year in the form of El Nino, a tropical weather pattern over the Pacific Ocean that typically brings rain to the West Coast. Climatologists say the system forming near the equator looks like a big one that has the potential to provide relief from the yearslong dry spell.

Here are some things to know about El Nino:

WHAT IS IT?

An ocean-warming phenomenon that builds in the Pacific during springtime. Moderate-to-strong events typically bring winter rain and snow to California and the rest of the southwest.

WASN'T THERE ONE THIS YEAR?

Yes, but it arrived too late to help the drought. There's a 90 percent chance the current El Nino will last through the summer and a greater than 80 percent chance it will stick around through the end of the year, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. While NOAA says it's too soon to determine the strength, other scientists say it's turning out to be quite strong.

IS NEXT YEAR'S EL NINO A SURE THING?

Definitely not, says climatologist Bill Patzert of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. But he says the increasingly warm temperatures in the Pacific along the equator recall conditions back in the spring of 1997, the prelude to a record El Nino year that brought heavy rains to California. "It's definitely a couple of notches above where we've been. Right now it looks like there might be some potential, but there are no guarantees," he said.

WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH LA NINA?

El Nino's flip side, La Nina, is a cooling of the central Pacific. It's been much more common for the past decade or so. From 2005 to 2014, there have been twice as many months with a La Nina than with El Nino, weather records show.

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Performance is Sunday, May 17, at 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in The Broad Stage at the SMC Performing Arts Center (Santa Monica Boulevard and 11th Street, Santa Monica).

The performance will feature traditional and contemporary dance styles, including West African, Belly Dance, Lyrical Jazz, Bachata, Italian Dance, Korean Dance, Mexican Folklórico, Indonesian, Hip Hop, Maori, Viennese Waltz, and Salsa.

Global Motion, founded by Judith Douglas, is under the artistic direction of Raquel Ramirez and Sri Susilowati.

Faculty choreographers are Laura Canellias, Keali'i Ceballos, Jessica Kondrath, Jennifer Jesswein, and Sri Susilowati.

Guest choreographers are Baghawan Ciptoning, Vladimir Kolesnikov, and Wilfried Souly.

Student choreographers are Mi Ja Kim, Deborah Kull, Lance Yijin Lao, Maritza Olmos, Ashley Ramirez, Karen Rodriguez, and Daniel Erazo Salgado.

Global Motion is a world dance performance company that expresses the concept of humanity in the form of global citizenship. The company is composed of SMC students who learn, rehearse, and perform world dance styles. Global Motion provides a platform for SMC students to experience and learn about other cultures through world dance while working with professional choreographers who are experts in the field of world dance.

Global Motion has toured extensively and performed at schools, festivals, and special events throughout California and Mexico for more than 30 years. The company has recently - for the second time - returned from performances in Beijing, China.

Raquel Ramirez is co-director of Global Motion and a dance professor at SMC. She is also the founder and director of a folklórico performance group, and is dedicated to supporting the traditions and cultures of Mexico.

Sri Susilowati, originally from Indonesia, is co-director of Global Motion and a member of the SMC dance faculty. She is a dancer, choreographer and storyteller, creating and performing traditional and contemporary works that focus on community, gender, and ethnicity.

Baghawan Ciptoning, a performer and choreographer of the traditional and contemporary from Solo, Indonesia, has trained extensively with revered figures from the Mangkunegaran and Kasunanan Palaces. He has a B.A. from the Indonesian Institute of The Arts Yogyakarta, graduated from Institute of The Arts Surakarta, and studied with Sardono W. Kusumo. Ciptoning has toured in India, the United States, Japan, Thailand, Finland, and Malaysia. He draws inspiration from Javanese court dance and martial arts, and his work explores an unusual repertoire of classicism and an inventive approach to faith and fantasy. In 2006 he was awarded the Best Dance on Screen for "Tamansari," and Best Choreographer for his solo dance-drama "Moon Bridge." He has choreographed and performed at many universities and high schools, was Arts Coordinator for the Indonesian Festival, and works at the Consulate General of The Republic of Indonesia in Los Angeles.

Wilfried Souly is a choreographer, dancer, musician, and martial artist originally from Burkina Faso. He began his training in traditional and contemporary African dances at an early age. His work has been presented at Redcat Theater, Barnsdall Gallery, and Highways Performance Space. Souly is currently teaching at UCLA in the World Arts and Culture Dance department. Tickets, which sell out quickly, range from $15 to $18. Parking is free.

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Commission on the Status of Women	2
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Housing Commission (Must be Section 8 Program participants and 1 must be 62 years or older)	2
Library Board	1
Personnel Board	1
Planning Commission	3
Recreation & Parks Commission	1
Santa Monica Pier Corporation	7
Social Services Commission	3

The State Political Reform Act requires certain officeholders to disclose their interest and income that may be materially affected by their official action. The applicant appointed to serve in this position will be required to file a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700) with the City Clerk's office upon assuming office, and annually thereafter.

Applications and information on Board/Commission duties & disclosure requirements are available from the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 1685 Main St., Rm. 102 (submit applications at this same location), by phone at (310) 458-8211 or on-line at http://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/boards/. All current applications on file will be considered.

Applications due by noon, Tuesday, June 16, 2015.
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US team pulls woman from collapsed 4-story building in Nepal

TAMI ABDOLLAH
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES U.S. rescuers from California and Virginia helped pull a 41-year-old woman from a four-story building that collapsed in this week's 7.3 earthquake in Nepal.

Tuesday's temblor was an aftershock to the April 25 earthquake that killed more than 8,000 people.

Carol Han, a spokeswoman for USAID's Nepal response management team, said its Disaster Assistance Response Team included 57 urban search and rescuers each from Los Angeles County and Fairfax County, Virginia.

Members flew into Singati, a mountain village roughly 20 miles southwest of Mount Everest, to help immediately after the massive aftershock. The woman was rescued Tuesday after several hours of digging and drilling through the rubble. Her condition was unknown but she was eating and drinking after the rescue.

Overnight the teams set up campfires to keep people warm and provided medical aid to the injured. On Wednesday, the woman and 11 other injured people were flown out and taken to a Kathmandu field hospital about 50 miles away for further treatment.

Last month, the teams helped rescue a teenage boy who'd been trapped under the rubble for five days.

The Disaster Assistance Response Team, which also includes 22 USAID disaster experts and 12 dogs, surveyed 130 buildings and bridges for earthquake damage along with conducting other rescue efforts.

Both the Los Angeles County Fire Department urban search and rescue team and Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department's team are FEMA and internationally-certified rescue teams that have deployed to tragedies like the 2010 Haiti quake and to the 2011 Japan quake that triggered a massive tsunami.

They were sent to Nepal shortly after the main quake hit, and have worked alongside other rescue teams from neighboring India, China and Russia. The U.S. team has wrapped up its work in its assigned area and all its members are expected to be back home by next week, according to USAID.

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SCOUT

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women can impact the world just as much. It's not OK that not enough women know about engineering. More girls my age and below might want to get into it."

Gold is now busy focusing on outreach, which is embedded in the goal of her project. On May 18 she'll host a pizza workshop at Samohi featuring members of the UCLA Society of Women Engineers as well as a NASA engineer who worked on the Mars rover. On May 21 she'll participate in the Archer STEM Symposium, an annual showcase of area high school students' work in science, technology, engineering and math. She'll submit her final Gold Award report by May 26.

Gold also hopes to take part in the Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles annual Gold Award ceremony in 2016, which marks the 100th anniversary of the achievement's creation.

Gold had something of a head start in engineering. Her mother, Lisette, earned bachelor's and master's degrees in chemistry and a doctorate at UCLA before working as an environmental engineer with the City of Santa Monica.

"I wanted to learn more about it," Gold said. "I had no idea what a chemical engineer or biomedical engineer actually does."

Starting in February, after getting approval by the local and regional Girl Scout boards, Gold compiled summaries of 20 different careers in engineering and talked to 23 women from across the country about their experiences in the male-dominated industry.

One of the spotlighted professionals is Jessica Arden, a City of Santa Monica water resources engineer who works with Gold's mother. Arden, who attended Stevens Institute of Technology in New Jersey, is also serving as Gold's project advisor.

"Natalie is extraordinary in so many ways, but I think her desire to improve things and help people is the most impressive," Arden said. "That will be what takes her to great heights. Her ability to understand a problem and work hard to solve it, to imagine something better, to make an attempt to achieve it — that's engineering."

It seems Gold's journey in the field has already begun. This year at Samohi she founded a coding club through which she and other students learn about computer software and website design with the help of UCLA volunteers.

She also has experience in aquatic engineering — she's a member of the Vikings varsity swimming team.

But Gold, who is interested in a possible career in biomedical engineering, wants to make an even bigger splash away from the pool.

"When there is a guy being sexist about how guys are better, I'll stand up and say, 'Girls are equal — we're just as smart,'" she said. "I hope to inspire more girls my age and below in thinking about going into engineering."

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BALLOON

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going to miss it this time.

She placed her water balloon on a bed of cotton balls inside a red plastic cup, then added more cotton balls and tissue on top and sealed the cup with decorated tape.

Riggs then attached a loose parachute with triple-knotted rubber bands and a little extra tape. She was glad she incorporated a parachute into her design.

"You should have a parachute when it's falling," she said. "Because it's from the second story and it's going to be tall, there would be air coming up and the parachute would open."

Fourth-grader Mikey Strauss also landed his apparatus without any damage to his water balloon, which was secured inside bubble wrap and placed in a closed cardboard box.

"It reduces the impact," he said.

His sister, first-grade student Julia Strauss, used a similar strategy. Her water balloon was surrounded by bubble wrap and packed tightly into a lunch bag. She was also successful.

Asked how she felt as her project was prepared for release, she said: "Excited!"

Not every student was so lucky.

Fifth-grader Myles Tobel placed his bubble-wrapped water balloon inside a tissue box and planned to attach a parachute, but he thought the add-on would get tangled and spoil his design.

Without a parachute, though, his project was doomed.

"I just dropped the tissue box," he said. "(The balloon) has to be really well-protected, or it's not going to work."

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Engagement Announcement



Viktor and Natalia Anokhin of Radomyshl, Ukraine, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mariia Anokhina, to Michael Brourman, son of the late Saul and Helenruth Brourman of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The future bride is a graduate of the National Pedagogical Dragomanov University in Kyiv, Ukraine, where she obtained both a Bachelor's degree and her teaching certification. The future groom is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, received a Master's degree from Columbia University and obtained a law degree from The George Washington University. He has lived in Santa Monica since 1981.

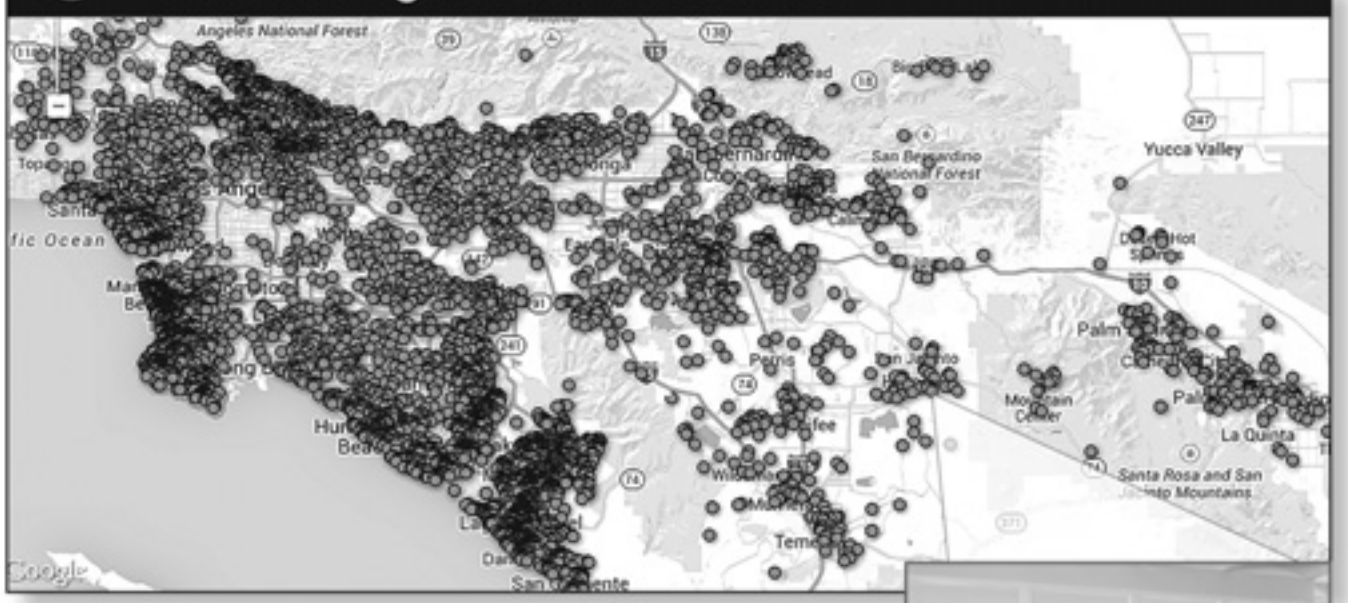
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Unprecedented choke job leads to an unprecedented Game 7

THE CLIPPERS WERE UP 12 POINTS AT the time that I walked from my seat at the upper press box to the elevator to head down to the Chick Hearn Press Room with eight minutes left in the fourth quarter. By the time I sat down by one of the many tables with a stack of stats by my right hand and a cup of freshly poured coffee in my left hand, the game was tied. As I watched the reminder of the game on the center television in disbelief, the Rockets went on to win 119-107 in unprecedented fashion to set up an unprecedented Game 7 on Sunday.

This Clipper choke job is quite possibly the most mind-boggling of all choke jobs and comes with almost an apocalyptic feeling, considering the team who they gave Thursday's game away to. Going back as far as their inaugural year in 1967 when they played in San Diego - like the Clippers - the Rockets had never won a playoff game when trailing by 10 points entering the fourth quarter (0-49). Yet somehow, the Clippers allowed them to go from 19 down with 2:27 left in the third quarter to winning by 12 points at the end.

"We gave this one away," Doc Rivers said on the Clippers choke job. "There's no doubt about that, all right."

You know this was a choke job when the loser admits it and the team that is the beneficiary screams out hallelujah since there are no other sensible explanations to what transpired in the last quarter of Game 6.

"Just thank God, man," Rockets star center Dwight Howard said, "because, you know, there were times where it just seemed like everything was going their way. Blake [Griffin] hit 360, 180, I don't know what it was, and I said, 'man, this is crazy'. But we pulled together, we just kept saying 'we're not going to quit, we're not going give up, we didn't come too far just to end it like this,' and we just kept fighting. Just thank God for this victory because we wouldn't have done it without His help."

"God has been grateful to this team and we just feel like we're a blessed unit and we can do something special," Rockets small forward Josh Smith said.

For a team that has a national reputation of being horrid on defense despite being one of the more offensively gifted teams out there in the league, the Rockets seemed to have turned on a dime defensively during their fourth quarter run. However, Clippers center DeAndre Jordan admitted that they got their shots in, they just never went in. The offense was still able to move the ball around and get the right shot, just not in the basket.

Smith and Corey Brewer, who combined for 29 points while the Rockets outscored them 40-15 in the fourth quarter, killed the Clippers. A fourth quarter in which one Rockets star scored only one point and the other, James Harden, was reduced to being a cheerleader.

"Yeah, I was thinking about putting [Harden] back in the game," Rockets head coach Kevin McHale said, "but those guys earned the right to finish that game, one way or the other. After a while, he had sat there long enough and those guys had a good rhythm and they kept getting stops and I'm like, I'm just going to let them go. Hey, James got a lot of rest, so on Sunday he'll be ready to come out and rock and roll for us."

How this Game 7 has come about is unprecedented simply how this series played out. With Chris Paul out nursing a strained hamstring the Clippers basically played Games 1 and 2 with their right hand tied behind their back and split the series. Then with Austin Rivers' coming of age like performances, the Clippers broke the Rockets' backs in Games 3 and 4.

Or so we thought. Game 5 resulted in a 21-point defeat for the Clippers but that on its own could be filed under mailing it in and waiting for Game 6. After what happened on Thursday, what excuse do the Clippers have now?

If there was ever a team that could not afford the embarrassment of losing a series after being up 3-1, it was the Clippers, LA's stepchild of an NBA franchise. It absolutely looked like it took the world and all its shamans to exorcise the demon that is Donald Sterling. Just before anyone could even begin to possibly worry about the "devil you know" concept, Steve Ballmer entered the fray as the former Microsoft CEO who sounds like John C. Riley and looks like Dr. Eggman from Sonic the Hedgehog, and even though Ballmer turned out to be just the owner this franchise and this city needed, a loss on Sunday will negate any goodwill that they have spent years building up to this point.

DeAndre Jordan's impending free agency is looming and with rumors of Chris Paul's leadership methods wearing thin on him and even Blake Griffin, Game 7 on Sunday will do or die because if they lose, as Stephen A. Smith would say, "not only is this series over, everything is over" for the Clippers.

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Seven seats available on the Urban Forest Task Force.

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Appointments to be made by City Council on June 23, 2015.

The Urban Forest Task Force serves as an advisory body to the City Council and the Director of Community and Cultural Services.

Applicants must be residents of the City of Santa Monica or persons who do business or are employed in the City of Santa Monica. No City of Santa Monica employee may serve as a member of the Urban Forest Task Force.

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MONDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Old SSW swell fades further, while new/small SSW swell fills in. Minimal WNW swell. Light AM wind.

TUESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Small mix of SSW and WNW swells

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **January 12, 2015**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 14
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33/20
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5/19

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: SMA Swain Barber Foundation

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for at least 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	ns	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	F
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	B	A+

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	B	B
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	C
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	D
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	F
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	F	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	D
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	ns	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	F
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	B	B
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DBW jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	F
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card™ is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A-F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON MAY 9 AT APPROXIMATELY 11:35 P.M.

Two suspects entered the AT&T store at 808 Wilshire Blvd and snatched four smart phones from a display shelf, then quickly left the store. Witnesses immediately called 911 and gave a description of the car the suspects were seen fleeing in. A few minutes later, a Santa Monica police officer saw a car matching the description get onto the westbound I-10 freeway and started following it onto northbound PCH. When the officer got close to the car, the driver accelerated to a high rate of speed and tried to outrun the officer by running a red light at the California Incline. The driver then veered left into the southbound traffic lanes and also had to swerve onto the driveways of houses on the west side of PCH to avoid a collision some of the southbound drivers.
When the driver reached the 900 block of PCH, he turned left into a public parking lot and continued speeding through the lot. The driver then drove onto the sand at the edge of the beach and became stuck. Both suspects immediately bailed out of the car and ran away on foot in separate directions. One of the suspects also ran across PCH, but was stopped by officers near the Montana stairs and taken into custody after a short foot pursuit. Shaun Nicholas Toldber, 19 of Hawthorne was arrested and held on $56,000 bail. The other suspect has not yet been located.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 347 calls for service on May 14.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Battery 1700 block of 18th 2:30 a.m.
Burglary 2800 block of 3rd 6:37 a.m.
Battery 2nd/Colorado 6:51 a.m.
Construction noise 800 block of Pico 6:53 a.m.
Auto burglary 2500 block of Virginia 7:56 a.m.
Animal related incident 700 block of 18th 8:32 a.m.
Grand theft auto 1900 block of Frank 8:44 a.m.
Fraud 800 block of 20th 8:51 a.m.
Petty theft 4th/colorado 9:17 a.m.
Animal related incident 2400 block of Main 10:02 a.m.
Burglary 3200 block of Santa Monica 10:16 a.m.
Found property 1600 block of 7th 10:49 a.m.
Grand theft auto 800 block of 3rd 10:50 a.m.
Traffic accident Lincoln/Santa Monica 10:59 a.m.
Illegal weapon 2200 block of Wilshire 11:09 a.m.
Trespassing 800 block of Wilshire 11:42 a.m.
Burglary 600 block of Lincoln 11:54 a.m.
Traffic accident 6th/Broadway 12:12 p.m.
Panhandling 300 block of Pico 12:45 p.m.
Auto burglary 2500 block of Virginia 12:50 p.m.
Petty theft 1600 block of Ocean Front Walk 1:24 p.m.
Petty theft 1600 block of Ocean Front Walk 1:59 p.m.
Petty theft 600 block of Marine 2:03 p.m.
Domestic violence 700 block of Broadway 2:05 p.m.
Burglary 2500 block of Euclid 2:08 p.m.
Traffic accident 1700 block of Ocean Park 2:10 p.m.
Traffic accident 28th/Pearl 2:24 p.m.
Identity theft 300 block of Olympic 2:27 p.m.
Auto burglary 1800 block of 11th 2:51 p.m.
Petty theft 1800 block of 7th 3:01 p.m.
Vandalism 1400 block of 6th 3:17 p.m.
Drunk driving 2800 block of Olympic 3:46 p.m.
Auto burglary 900 block of 4th 4:08 p.m.
Auto burglary 2600 block of Virginia 4:59 p.m.
Fight 4th/Broadway 5:03 p.m.
Battery 200 block of Santa Monica 5:07 p.m.
Burglary 2400 block of Cloverfield 5:27 p.m.
Petty theft 600 block of Santa Monica 5:39 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 35 calls for service on May 13.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Automatic alarm 1500 block of Ocean 1:02 a.m.
EMS 1200 block of Princeton 2:08 a.m.
EMS 500 block of Olympic 5:56 a.m.
EMS 1000 block of 3rd 6:36 a.m.
EMS 400 block of California 7:41 a.m.
Flooded condition 1500 block of 5th 8:06 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of 14th 8:19 a.m.
Fire out investigation 1600 block of Berkeley 8:45 a.m.
Vehicle fire 26th/Washington 9:58 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of 5th 10:40 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of 17th 11:02 a.m.
EMS 700 block of Olympic 11:17 a.m.
EMS Centinela/Interstate 10 11:17 a.m.
EMS 3000 block of Main 12:59 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block of Promenade 1:10 p.m.
EMS Lincoln/Ashland 1:40 p.m.
EMS 2nd/Colorado 1:56 p.m.
EMS Main/Bay 2:05 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of 16th 2:36 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1000 block of 7th 3:08 p.m.
EMS 900 block of Santa Monica 3:18 p.m.
EMS 21st/pearl 3:49 p.m.
EMS 2200 block of Lincoln 4:24 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of Olympic 4:39 p.m.
EMS 1500 block of Lincoln 4:44 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of Cedar 4:46 p.m.
EMS 5th/Wilshire 5:15 p.m.
EMS Pacific Coast Hwy/State Route 163 5:51 p.m.
EMS 0 block of Pico 6:28 p.m.
Miscellaneous outside fire 2300 block of 14th 6:34 p.m.
Automatic alarm 400 block of Ocean 7:13 p.m.
EMS Ocean/Colorado 7:26 p.m.
EMS 2000 block of Main 8:12 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block of Lincoln 8:33 p.m.
Electrical fire - no fire visible 1800 block of Marine 11:21 p.m.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Not free
5 Vegas game
10 Door sign
12 Metal fastener
13 Biting
14 Slacken
15 Soak up
16 World Series org.
18 Gloss target
19 Affectedly cute
21 A ton
22 Italian cheese
24 Libertines
25 Norwegian cheese
29 Hold power
30 Slacken
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33 Stock holder
34 Tell tales
35 "Keen!"
37 Give an address
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40 Birth-related
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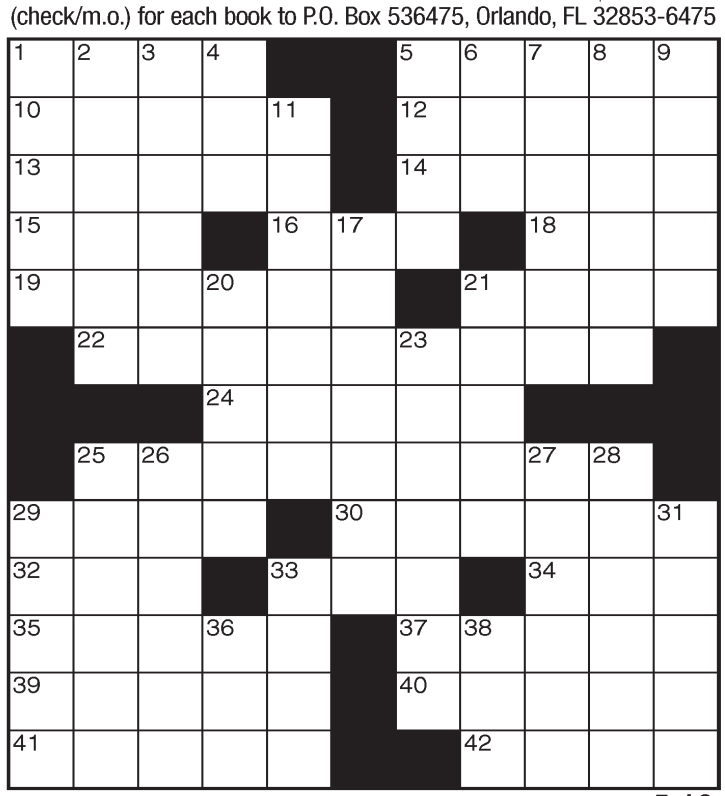
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1 Critter
2 Free, as hens
3 Dazed state
4 So far
5 Shore crawler
6 Umbrella part
7 Arthur's resting place
8 Dress size
9 Dance units
11 Eviction
17 Quick inspection
20 Baseball's Joe
21 Finishes last
23 Syria neighbor
25 Northern state capital
26 Church sights
27 Feel empathy
28 Band need
29 Cost
31 Banana waste
33 Cook's needs
36 Youngster
38 Fan sound

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Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from (easiest) to (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★★

				4	2		5	
2	7	5			9			6
	9					4		5
	5						2	
3		2					8	
6			7			1	3	9
	4		8	1				

GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

4	2	5	1	3	6	8	9	7
9	8	6	7	4	2	3	1	5
3	1	7	5	8	9	4	2	6
6	9	2	4	7	1	5	8	3
7	4	3	8	2	5	9	6	1
8	5	1	6	9	3	7	4	2
5	6	8	3	1	4	2	7	9
1	7	9	2	5	8	6	3	4
2	3	4	9	6	7	1	5	8

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DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 5/13
1 25 29 31 47
Power#: 7
Jackpot: 110M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 5/12
14 30 33 36 44
Mega#: 2
Jackpot: 159M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 5/13
12 18 28 38 43
Mega#: 20
Jackpot: 34M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 5/14
5 7 8 26 29

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 5/15
MIDDAY: 0 8 4
Draw Date: 5/14
EVENING: 6 9 6

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 5/14
1st: 08 Gorgeous George
2nd: 06 Whirl Win
3rd: 10 Solid Gold
RACE TIME: 1:45.45

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WORD UP!

scroop
1. to emit a harsh, grating sound: The gate scrooped as he swung it shut.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1975 – Junko Tabei becomes the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

1983 – Sudan People's Liberation Army/Movement rebels against the Sudanese government.

1986 – The Seville Statement on Violence is adopted by an international meeting of scientists, convened by the Spanish National Commission for UNESCO, in Seville, Spain.

1988 – A report by United States' Surgeon General C. Everett Koop states that the addictive properties of nicotine are similar to those of heroin and cocaine.

1991 – Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom addresses a joint session of the United States Congress. She is the first British monarch to address the U.S. Congress.

1997 – Mobutu Sese Seko, the President of Zaire, flees the country.

2003 – In Casablanca, Morocco, 33 civilians are killed and more than 100 people are injured in the Casablanca terrorist attacks.

2005 – Kuwait permits women's suffrage in a 35-23 National Assembly vote.

2007 – Nicolas Sarkozy takes office as President of France.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Wall Street Miracle: Two March instances of gleaning insight and using it to buy stock "options" were executed so quickly (1 to 3 seconds each) that experts consulted for a Slate.com analysis said they couldn't possibly have been made by human securities traders. Their conclusion: A robot so intelligent exists that it can "read" a news wire report, "analyze" it for hints whether to place bets on a company's future price, and execute the order — before human traders even finish reading the news report. Profits on the seconds-long trades: $2.4 million on one and "between $1 million and $2 million" on the other.

■ (1) England's Tavistock Town Council hastily changed the wording in March of its help-wanted ad seeking a general maintenance person (a "hand," in local jargon); thus, it is no longer wording the offering as a "general hand job." (2) Alaska's Juneau Empire newspaper announced on February 26 a rededication ceremony for the local homeless facility, long known as the Glory Hole Shelter. (3) In April, the Tisdale, Saskatchewan, town council finally decided, after 60 years, to alter the widely used and inspiring town slogan (honoring the canola oil's parent, the rapeseed) — "Land of Rape and Honey." (4) A Brazilian student-athlete enrolled at Medicine Hat (Alberta) College announced he would play the basketball season under his real Brazilian-German name, Guilherme F--k (which he insists is pronounced foo-kay).

Join friends for dinner, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might feel pushed to the max with your finances in general. If you can, pull back and see what is happening. With some distance, you will be able to find a solution. Deal with someone's anxiety head-on in order to understand this person better. Tonight: Join friends for dinner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You'll feel empowered by a conversation with a loved one. Don't even try being alone. Go off and join your friends at a baseball game, or hop on over to a friend's house. You seem to be all smiles, so accept any invitation that heads your way. Tonight: Where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You might be hesitant to take a day off or to schedule some downtime without having set plans. What you do needs to feel right to you. The time has come to spoil yourself a little. Listen to your instincts about a purchase. You probably will be right. Tonight: Not to be found.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Aim for more of what you want from a situation. Make it OK to make plans that please you. You can be sure that others will want to join in. Music could play a significant role in your day. Be open to a friend who might want to indulge you. Tonight: Where the gang is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Make extra time for a loved one or someone you really care about. A must appearance could be more significant than you realize. Follow through on what you want, but also keep this person in mind. Be more playful with a child. Tonight: Plans seem to revolve around you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Deal directly with someone you care about. You could be triggered by this person. Detach and stop being so reactive. Imagine where this person is coming from. Empathy will bring you closer together, and might help you get past a problem. Tonight: Read between the lines.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You will decide to defer to others, and you will be happy to allow someone else to take control of plans and run the show. You initially might not know what to do with your free time. Make a call to a favorite person, and plans will form. Tonight: A must appearance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Others seem to roll with the ball and make plans without even checking in. You can choose to stand on ceremony, or just join in. The tension between you and a special person could be uncomfortable. Share the depth of your feelings. Tonight: Go with the program.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Take some time off from the hectic pace and say "no" to offers and invitations. Veg out a little, and decide to curl up with a good book. Schedule a massage or soak in a hot tub. You need to spoil yourself for a change. A loved one might join you! Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You'll greet the day like a child going to an amusement park. You'll add extra zip to whatever you do. You might meet someone today who is stubborn but who also has a great sense of humor. You will laugh with this person again and again. Tonight: Accept an offer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Invite a dear friend over for an early dinner or some other activity you both like to participate in. You could be bypassing a problem by hosting this spontaneous get-together. Use care with your funds. Count your change carefully. Tonight: Happiest at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You will want to rethink a decision carefully. A loved one might be withholding his or her feelings. Your sixth sense comes through when dealing with various situations. Take off your rose-colored glasses when eyeing a potential sweetie. Tonight: Get together with friends.

Weekend Edition, May 16-17, 2015

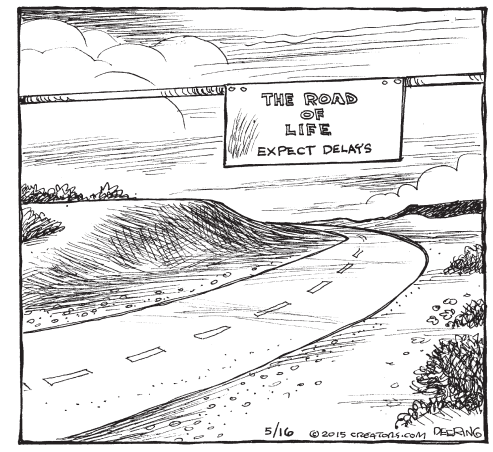
This year your creativity marks your actions and thoughts. You discover the endless possibilities available to you, and you drop the word "impossible" from your vocabulary. If you are single, you are unusually attractive to members of the opposite sex. You will have many choices, but know that a potential sweetie will appear sometime after summer. Take your time getting to know this person. If you are attached, you might be a little more me-oriented than in past years. Be sensitive to your significant other's needs, and he or she will be receptive. A fellow TAURUS can be demanding and rigid.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



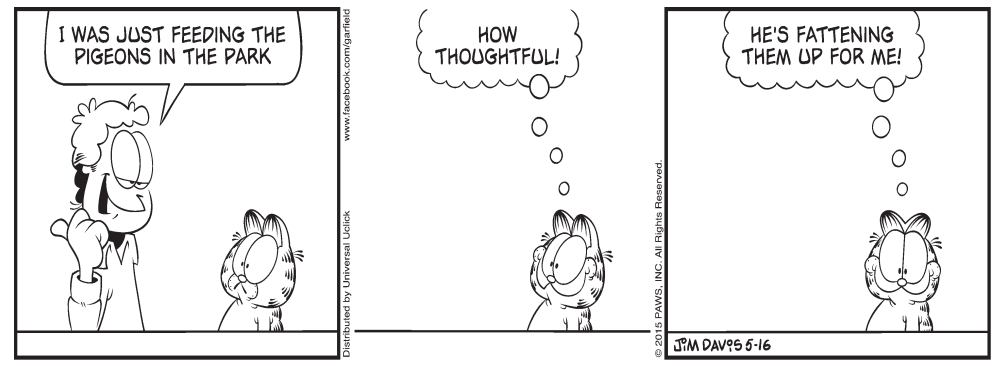
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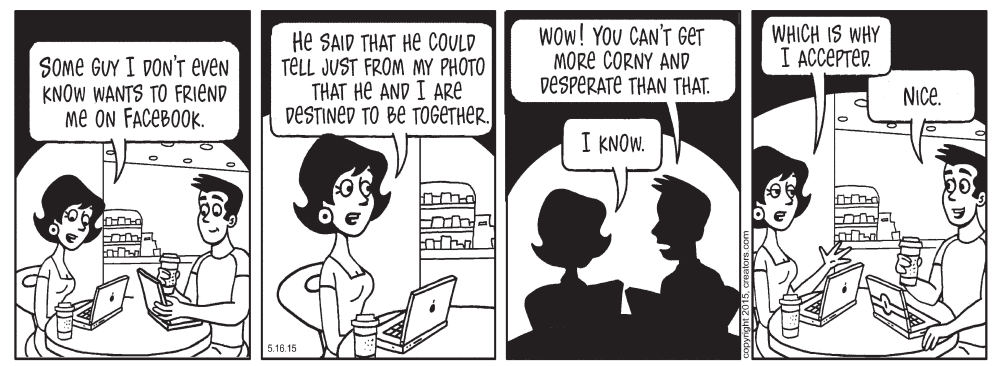
Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



give a (bleep)

Each Weekend, 'Claudia's Corner' shows kids how to rock their world

That's some curb appeal

By Megan Tambio

Ever wonder how Santa Monica stays pretty and clean? Learn about the awesome Public Works team that makes it happen at the City Yards Open House. It's fun and it's free!

City Yards Open House will kick off National Public Works Week. "What is Public Works?" some (cough… me) might ask. Erika Bustamante, spokesperson for the Santa Monica Public Works Department says it is best defined by its mission: "Protect and enrich the quality of life in the city through sustainable maintenance, management and the enhancement of resources and public infrastructure."



The event will have a whole host of activities to teach about what the Public Works department does and how you can help the community and our environment. Paint eco- murals with sustainable paints, help operate a real- life recycling truck, even ease your fear of robots with Curby, a fun mechanical friend who knows all about recycling. If all of that isn't enough, the event will also be serving treats from local restaurants.



The event will be held on Saturday from 12 pm to 3 pm. Come down, have fun and make your community a better place.

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